

Germany a Menace to European Peace.

Robert Horne Outlines Labor Views of Govt.--Princess Patricia of Connaught Now Mrs. Alexander Ramsay.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 27.—The President's Conference tonight continued to develop the discussions between the House members and other members of Congress. One of the main items on the agenda was the apparent certainty that the President does not intend to make any formal expression at this time on the tentative draft. No real endorsement therefore is expected to be brought before the House until the arrangement of a minimum wage with particular reference to women. The cost of food, the minister said, would gradually decrease, the tendency to give labor a larger share in the control of industry. The minister said that a committee of employers and employees was considering a bill for the restoration of the trade union laws, which had been surrendered for the duration of the war. President Brownlie, of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, said the workers of Great Britain were not going to return to pre-war social and industrial conditions. He agrees that the question of foreign competitors entered into that of the shorter hours and higher wages and industrial efficiency, but he disagreed with the Government's scheme for reducing unemployment benefits. The benefits should be maintained. It was the Government's duty to provide employment for all adults or the necessary money to keep them in comfort. His union would not be satisfied with 47 hours a week, and he hoped that a further reduction would be negotiated. Sir Allen Smith, of the Engineering Federation, moved the formation of an industrial committee consisting of twenty representatives of the employers and trade unions, and a certain number of Government representatives under the Presidency of the Minister of Labor, to consider and report to the conference on the causes of the present unrest and methods to safeguard and promote the best interests of the work people, employers and the state. Sir Robert Horne suggested the deferment of the motion. Mr. Clynnes said that labor could do nothing by merely uttering aspirations. "You can get no wealth in this country without working. The Government, by the turn of a wand can settle the housing problem; labor must lay brick upon brick," he said. He advised the labor union to accept the new conditions granted. Reduction of from fifty-three to forty-

seven hours for engineers at the end of the war, was a greater reduction than their union could have expected before the war. He heartily supported Sir Allen Smith's suggestion.

FRANCE'S WAR LOSSES.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The Journal states that Louis Dubois has drawn up on behalf of the Budget Committee of the Chamber of Deputies, a bill relating to France's war losses. The amounts involved come to the tremendous total of nearly \$200,000,000, consisting of damage to landed property, household effects, material, cattle and title deeds, raw materials and provisions and loss to revenue or trade.

TROUBLE IN BARCELONA.

MADRID, Feb. 27.—The situation in Barcelona has grown worse and the authorities there have requested the Madrid Government to send forces of men necessary to meet the situation. It is reported that a revolutionary league has been formed in Barcelona with the purpose of cutting the water mains and electric cables. Wednesday night troops patrolled the city which was in complete darkness.

VALIDATING WAR CONTRACTS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Enactment of the bill validating \$2,700,000 of informal war contracts and providing for their settlement was completed today, with the adoption of the conference report by the Senate without record vote. The measure now goes to the cabinet.

ARMENIA'S PROGRAMME.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The claims of Armenia as placed before the Supreme Council at its meeting yesterday were as follows: First, liberation from the Turkish yoke; second, the formation of a new Armenian state to be made up of the six Armenian provinces of Turkey and the territories of the Armenian republic in the Caucasus, and also the port of Alexandretta, which already is claimed by Syria; third, protection for twenty years by a great power under a mandatory from the League of Nations.

REDUCING WORKINGMEN'S RENT.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Speaking today Mr. Lloyd George said he hoped that by summer the cost of living in the workingmen's houses would be reduced four shillings a week; half that reduction would occur by the end of March, it was his hope.

NO SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 27.—There are still no signs of a settlement of the port tie-up. The government shipping agents and the labor unions are exchanging notes, asking and making explanations, but no move has been made either to end the lock-out or for the men to return to work under the government decree of nationalizing the ports' services. The port has now been tied up for fifty-one days.

CANADIAN LABOR DEPARTMENTS.

OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—Latest figures to the department of labor show that thirty-four government employment bureaus have been opened up to date in Canada and the next two weeks will see considerable development in the Maritime provinces when ten in all will open.

BOLSHEVIKI SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES.

ROME, Feb. 27.—An official statement issued by the Ethiopian army headquarters reports severe fighting near Narva, Pskov, Volmar and Salsburg and claims that the Bolsheviks have repulsed the Bolsheviks, inflicting serious losses in killed and wounded. The statement describes the fighting in the direction of Salsburg as violent, and declares that large forces were engaged.

"A COW ON THE TRACK."

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—The parliamentary special for Weimar which left Berlin at 3.30 o'clock this morning has been stopped at Leipzig. It is reported that a government courier who left here Tuesday night has not yet arrived at Weimar.

NOTHING DOING YET.

GENEVA, Feb. 27.—The armistice negotiations between Allied and German financial economic and military missions, have been in progress at Spa for some days, but there has been no intimation from Allied sources that anything in the nature of a crisis had developed there. In the absence of definite information it would seem probable that the meetings, if they have been broken up, as reported, have suspended only temporarily.

ENTENTE TROOPS AT MANNHEIM.

BASLE, Feb. 27.—A Mannheim despatch received here says that Entente troops were to occupy the Mannheim bridgehead at noon yesterday.

IN SESSION.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The industrial parliament composed

of representatives of employers and employed and government officials assembled in Central Hall, Westminster this morning at 10.30 o'clock. The parliament was opened by Sir Robert Horne the Minister of Labor was followed by Premier Lloyd George, John Robert Clynes, former Food controller, and now Vice Chairman of the Parliamentary labor party. The meeting was then open to any one desiring to speak.

FRANCE WANTS HER SHARE.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The French delegation to the Peace Conference will energetically oppose the general sinking of the German fleet, says Stephen Lausanne, in the Matin. Other powers of course, he said may do what they like with their share of the fleet but the French government and navy is firmly determined to use the ships which fall to France, when the fleet is divided up among the Allies.

"MRS. ALEXANDER RAMSAY"

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Princess Patricia of Connaught, and Commander Alexander R. M. Ramsay, R. N. were married at Westminster Abbey at noon today. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Dean of Westminster and other noted ecclesiastics, in the presence of King George and Queen Mary and a great assemblage of the royal family, distinguished officials of the British and foreign governments, and friends and visitors from abroad. The bride entered the Abbey by the west door which is used only on occasions of importance. Her gown was of a white brocaded panne, over silver lace, the outer gown being caught up with silver lovers' knots; she carried a bouquet presented by the Princess Patricia Canadian Regiment and tied with the regimental colors.

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Flour Surplus in Canada.

Exports of agricultural products decreased in 1918, and there is still warehoused in Canada, and available for export, a substantial surplus, the bulk of which is in the form of wheat and flour. During the period of the war and up to the present time the Allied Governments have taken a large proportion of the wheat and flour produced in the Dominion. At present our chief customer, Great Britain, owing to her having a considerable stock on hand, has placed an embargo on imports of these products, and as the Canadian Government fixed the minimum price of wheat produced in the crop season of 1918 at \$2.24 per bushel, it will be responsible to the holders of the crop for obtaining that price. To meet the situation which has arisen, the Government has given a guarantee to all dealers in grain and to the banks that in the event of the overseas Allied Governments not arranging to purchase this wheat, they will pay wheat at the fixed price. It is anticipated, however, that purchases will shortly be resumed by the Allies and the surplus thereby absorbed. Monthly Letter, Canadian Bank of Commerce.

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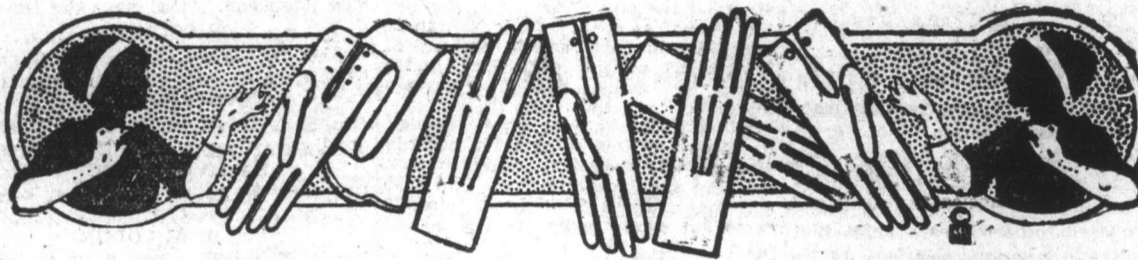
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Table with columns for item name, regular price, and sale price. Includes Women's Kid Gloves (Black), Women's Kid Gloves (Grey), and Women's Kid Gloves (Black).



At the City Hall. The Municipal Council held its regular weekly session last evening. Deputy Mayor Morris presided and Councilors Brownrigg, Mullaly, Ayre, Vinicombe and Tait were present. After reading minutes etc., the following matters were disposed of: The Colonial Secretary wrote that in connection with the Council's resolution re the "Dog Tax" he had referred the matter to the Deputy Minister of Justice to look into and instruct the Law Clerk of the Legislature in order that a bill dealing definitely and properly with the whole question may be introduced. The Minister of Mines and Agriculture wrote in regard to the land on Wood Street applied for by Mr. S. O. Steele that he had written the present lessee and on receipt of a reply would further communicate with the Council on the matter. Sgt. James Mackay wrote claiming the reward of \$20.00 offered by the Council for the conviction of any person found breaking the electric lamps in the City, he having made such a conviction a short while ago. The reward is ordered to be paid though he is to be informed, that the information should have come to the Council first and Sgt. Mackay is to be asked for the fines in the matter. A letter was read from Elizabeth G. Harvey, President Cowan Mission, in connection with the utilization of the Convalescent House, Forest Road, which has been before the Cowan Mission for some time past and the possibility of converting it into a Maternity Home was suggested. The Cowan Mission propose to rent the Convalescent Home at \$1.00 per annum for the purpose of a Maternity Hospital. There is a Government endowment of \$600.00. The Municipality would have to provide for the appointment of a committee of medical men, the necessary nurses and a matron and for cost of operation. There is room for four patients. After discussing the matter the Council decided to wait until the return of the Mayor, meantime the letter to be acknowledged. After disposing of some routine business and passing the pay rolls and bills for the week the meeting adjourned. Every Saturday evening after 7 o'clock, Choice Ends of Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Pork will be sold at cost. ELLIS & CO., LTD., 203 Water Street.—Nov 29.

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